

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 25, 28, and 29 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-implemented method for collapsing a dialog window of an application, comprising:
  - displaying a complete dialog window of a currently active application on a display device;
  - determining a location of a cursor with respect to the dialog window;
  - displaying a collapsed version of the dialog window when the cursor moves outside of the complete dialog window without depressing a button of the dialog window, wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window consumes a smaller area of the display device than the complete dialog window; and
  - displaying the complete dialog window when the cursor moves within the collapsed version of the dialog window without depressing a button of the dialog window.
2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window comprises a title bar of the dialog window.
3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window comprises a size that exactly encompasses a title of the dialog window and system buttons.
4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed in response to the cursor moving outside of the complete dialog window without additional action by a user.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed such that system buttons, within the dialog window, are in a same position, ~~with respect to on a screen display device~~, in the collapsed version of the dialog window as when the complete dialog window is displayed, wherein the system buttons do not move away from the cursor when the dialog window collapses or expands.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the complete dialog window is displayed when the cursor moves within the collapsed version of the dialog window without additional action by a user.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 further comprising reverting focus to another window of the currently active application without additional action by a user when the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed when the cursor moves outside of the dialog window for a defined minimum time period, wherein the minimum time period is defined in an application that displays the dialog window.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein:  
the ability to display a collapsed version of a dialog window is controlled by a selectable system icon displayed in a title bar of the dialog window;

when the selectable system icon is selected as active, the ability, to display a collapsed version of the dialog window through further cursor movement without depressing a button of the dialog window, is active; and

when the selectable system icon is not selected and is inactive, the complete dialog window is displayed and the ability, to collapse the dialog window through further cursor movement without depressing a button of the dialog window, is disabled.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the dialog window is a modeless dialog window.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer to perform a method for collapsing a dialog window of an application executing on the computer, the method comprising:

displaying a complete dialog window of a currently active application on a display device;

determining a location of a cursor with respect to the dialog window;

displaying a collapsed version of the dialog window when the cursor moves outside of the complete dialog window without depressing a button of the dialog window, wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window consumes a smaller area of the display device than the complete dialog window; and

displaying the complete dialog window when the cursor moves within the collapsed version of the dialog window without depressing a button of the dialog window.

12. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 11 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window comprises a title bar of the dialog window.

13. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 11 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window comprises a size that exactly encompasses a title of the dialog window and system buttons.

14. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 11 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed in response to the cursor moving outside of the complete dialog window without additional action by a user.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of manufacture of claim 11 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed such that system buttons, within the dialog window, are in a same position, with respect to on a screen-display device, in the collapsed version of the dialog window as when the complete dialog window is displayed, wherein the system buttons do not move away from the cursor when the dialog window collapses or expands.

16. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 11 wherein the complete dialog window is displayed when the cursor moves within the collapsed version of the dialog window without additional action by a user.

17. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 11, the method further comprising reverting focus to another window of the currently active application without additional action by a user when the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of manufacture of claim 11 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed when the cursor moves outside of the dialog window for a defined minimum time period, wherein the minimum time period is defined in an application that displays the dialog window.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The article of manufacture of claim 11 wherein:  
the ability to display a collapsed version of a dialog window is controlled by a selectable system icon displayed in a title bar of the dialog window;

when the selectable system icon is selected as active, the ability, to display a collapsed version of the dialog window through further cursor movement without depressing a button of the dialog window, is active; and

when the selectable system icon is not selected and is inactive, the complete dialog window is displayed and the ability, to collapse the dialog window through further cursor movement without depressing a button of the dialog window, is disabled.

20. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 11 wherein the dialog window is a modeless dialog window.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for collapsing a dialog window of an application in a computer system comprising:

- (a) a computer;
- (b) a display device connected to the computer; and
- (c) a currently active application executing on the computer, the application configured

to:

- (i) display a complete dialog window of the currently active application on the display device;
- (ii) determine a location of a cursor with respect to the dialog window;
- (iii) display a collapsed version of the dialog window when the cursor moves outside of the complete dialog window without depressing a button of the dialog window, wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window consumes a smaller area of the display device than the complete dialog window; and
- (iv) display the complete dialog window when the cursor moves within the collapsed version of the dialog window without depressing a button of the dialog window.

22. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 21 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window comprises a title bar of the dialog window.

23. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 21 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window comprises a size that exactly encompasses a title of the dialog window and system buttons.

24. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 21 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed in response to the cursor moving outside of the complete dialog window without additional action by a user.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 21 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed such that system buttons, within the dialog window, are in a same position, ~~with respect to on a screen display device~~, in the collapsed version of the dialog window as when the complete dialog window is displayed, wherein the system buttons do not move away from the cursor when the dialog window collapses or expands.

26. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 21 wherein the complete dialog window is displayed when the cursor moves within the collapsed version of the dialog window without additional action by a user.

27. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 21, the application further configured to revert focus to another window of the currently active application without additional action by a user when the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 21 wherein the collapsed version of the dialog window is displayed when the cursor moves outside of the dialog window for a defined minimum time period, wherein the minimum time period is defined in an application that displays the dialog window.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 21 wherein:

the ability to display a collapsed version of a dialog window is controlled by a selectable system icon displayed in a title bar of the dialog window;

when the selectable system icon is selected as active, the ability, to display a collapsed version of the dialog window through further cursor movement without depressing a button of the dialog window, is active; and

when the selectable system icon is not selected and is inactive, the complete dialog window is displayed and the ability, to collapse the dialog window through further cursor movement without depressing a button of the dialog window, is disabled.

30. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 21 wherein the dialog window is a modeless dialog window.